

the National Association of Older Worker Employment Services; and Jane V. White, Knoxville, Tennessee, on behalf of the American Dietetic Association.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Bills Introduced:** 42 public bills, H.R. 7, 1287–1327; 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 42; H. Con. Res. 90–92, and H. Res. 108–109, were introduced.

**Pages H1343–45**

**Reports Filed:** No Reports were filed today.

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, the Rev. Willie T. Lockett, St. Martha Missionary Baptist Church, of Oak Hill, Florida.

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**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, March 29 by a recorded vote of 354 ayes to 62 noes, Roll No. 72.

**Pages H1297, H1302**

**Marriage Penalty and Family Tax Relief:** The House passed H.R. 6, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the marriage penalty by providing for adjustments to the standard deduction, 15-percent rate bracket, and earned income credit and to allow the nonrefundable personal credits against regular and minimum tax liability by a ye and nay vote of 282 yeas to 144 nays, Roll No. 75.

**Pages H1302–29**

Rejected the Rangel motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back with an amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to provide a year 2000 tax refund of \$300 for individuals or \$600 for married couples filing a joint return by a recorded vote of 184 ayes to 240 noes, Roll No. 74.

**Pages H1318–26**

Agreed to the Committee on Ways and Means amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified, made in order by the rule.

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Earlier, the House agreed to the Pryce unanimous consent request to modify the Committee on Ways and Means amendment now printed in the bill (H. Rept. 107–29). The modification dealt with the limitation of the credit allowed against the alternative minimum tax.

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Rejected the Rangel amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to create a new 12 percent tax rate, increase the earned income tax credit, create a standard deduction for married couples equal to twice the standard available to single individuals,

and provide marriage penalty relief in the earned income credit and rate reductions (rejected by a ye and nay vote of 196 yeas to 231 nays, Roll No. 73).

**Pages H1326–28**

Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 104, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a ye and nay vote of 249 yeas to 171 nays, Roll No. 71.

**Pages H1297–H1302**

**Meeting Hour—Tuesday, April 3:** Agreed that when the House adjourns on Friday, March 30, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 3, for morning hour debate.

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, April 4.

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**Profound Sorrow on the Death of the Honorable Norman Sisisky, a Representative from the Commonwealth of Virginia:** The House agreed to H. Res. 107, expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of the Honorable Norman Sisisky, a Representative from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**Pages H1130–38**

**National Commission to Ensure Consumer Information and choice in the Airline Industry:** Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he announced his appointment of Mr. Thomas P. Dunne, Sr. of Maryland Heights, Missouri to the National Commission to Ensure Consumer Information and choice in the Airline Industry.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three ye and nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1301–02, H1302, H1325–26, H1328, H1329. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 107, adjourned at 4:28 p.m. as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable Norman Sisisky, a Representative from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

## *Committee Meetings*

### FEDERAL FARM COMMODITY PROGRAMS

*Committee on Agriculture:* Continued hearings on Federal Farm Commodity Programs, with the soybean

industry. Testimony was heard from Bart Ruth, Vice President, American Soybean Association.

Hearings continue April 4.

### COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing on the Supreme Court. Testimony was heard from following Justices of the Supreme Court: Anthony M. Kennedy; and Clarence Thomas.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on Public Schools and Public Charter Schools. Testimony was heard from Col. Charles J. Fiala, Jr., USA, Commander and District Engineer, Baltimore District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense; the following officials of the District of Columbia: Peggy Cooper Cafritz, President, Board of Education; Paul Vance, Superintendent, Public Schools; Josephine Baker, Chair, Public Charter School Board; George Brown, Chairman, Credit Enhancement Committee for Public Charter Schools; and Laurent Ross, Director, Tuition Assistance Program;

### INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies held a hearing on Energy (National Energy Strategy). Testimony was heard from Mary J. Hutzler, Director, Office of Integrated Analysis and Forecasting, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on Quality of Life. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on Federal Transit Administration, and on Federal Transit Capital Projects. Testimony was heard from Hiram Walker, Acting Deputy Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation; Jose F. Lluch, Executive Director, Highway and Transportation Authority, Puerto Rico; and public witnesses.

### TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on Custom Service Counter drug-oversight.

Testimony was heard from Charles Windwood, Acting Commissioner, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

### MILITARY FORCES POSTURE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Continued hearings on the posture of U.S. military forces. Testimony was heard from Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, USAF, Commander in Chief, U.S. European Command, Department of Defense.

Hearings continue April 4.

### COMMISSARIES AND EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Special Oversight Panel on Morale, Welfare and Recreation held a hearing on commissaries and exchange programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gail H. McGinn, Acting Assistant Secretary (Force Management Policy); Lt. Gen. Charles S. Mahan, Jr., USA, Deputy Chief of Staff (Logistics); Vice Adm. James G. Amerault, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Logistics); Lt. Gen. Michael E. Zettler, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff (Installations and Logistics); Lt. Gen. Jack W. Klump, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff (Manpower and Reserve Affairs); Maj. Gen. Robert J. Courter, USAF, Defense Commissary Agency; Rear Adm. Steven W. Maas, USAF, Commander, Army and Air Force Exchange Service; Maj. Gen. Charles J. Wax, USAF, Commander, Army and Air Force Exchange Service; and Brig. Gen. Michael Downs, USMC (Ret.), Director, Personnel and Family Readiness Division.

### TRANSFORMING FEDERAL ROLE IN EDUCATION

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Held a hearing on "Transforming the Federal Role in Education for the 21st Century: H.R.1, No Child Left Behind Act of 2001; H.R. 340, Excellence and Accountability in Education Act; and H.R. 345, Public Education Reinvestment, Reinvention, and Responsibility Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### FCC—AGENDA AND PLANS

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing on "FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell: Agenda and Plans for Reform." Testimony was heard from Michael K. Powell, Chairman, FCC.

### BEYOND THE TAX CUT; UNLEASHING OF THE ECONOMY

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy, Technology and Economic Growth held a hearing on Beyond the Tax Cut:

Unleashing the Economy. Testimony was heard from Representative Arme; E. Floyd Kvamme, Co-Chairman, President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology, Office of Science and Technology Policy; and public witnesses.

### MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENTS

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on Developments in the Middle East. Testimony was heard from Edward Walker, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State.

### OVERSIGHT—SOUTH WEST BORDER DRUG TRAFFICKING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime held an oversight hearing on Drug Trafficking on the Southwest Border. Testimony was heard from W. Royal Furgeson, Jr., Judge, U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas; Donnie R. Marshall, Administrator, DEA, Department of Justice; John Varrone, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Investigations, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; and Mike Scott, Chief, Criminal Law Enforcement, Department of Public Safety, State of Texas.

### OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing on the Effect of Mining Claim Fees on Domestic Exploration: Are They Worth It? Testimony was heard from Linda Calbom, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO; Robert Anderson, Deputy Assistant Director, Minerals, Realty and Resource Protection, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 643, African Elephant Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2001; H.R. 645, Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2001; and H.R. 700, Asian Elephant Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2001.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing on Comprehensive Conservation Planning and the Operation and Maintenance Backlog in the National Wildlife Refuge System. Testimony was heard from Dan Ashe, Chief, National Wildlife Refuge System, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

### NATIONAL FOREST RESTORATION—EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on the Effective Community Involvement in National Forest Restoration and Recreation Efforts: Obstacles and Solutions. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Forest Service, USDA: Randy Phillips, Deputy Chief, Programs and Legislation; and Sally Collins, Associate Deputy Chief; and public witnesses.

### EPA—STRENGTHEN SCIENCE

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards held a hearing on H.R. 64, to provide for the establishment of the position of Deputy Administrator for Science and Technology of the Environmental Protection Agency. Testimony was heard from Bill Glaze, Chairman, Science Advisory Board, EPA; and public witnesses.

### RAILROAD TRACK SAFETY ISSUES

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Railroads held a hearing on Railroad Track Safety Issues. Testimony was heard from Mark Lindsey, Chief Counsel and Acting Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; Robert Chipkevich, Director, Railroad, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Study, National Transportation Safety Board; and public witnesses.

### DEATH TAX ELIMINATION ACT

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported amended H.R. 8, Death Tax Elimination Act of 2001.

### FREE TRADE DEALS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on Free Trade Deals: Is the United States Losing Ground As Its Trading Partners Move Ahead? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### BRIEFING—COVERT ACTION CASE STUDY

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on International Policy and National Security met in executive session to receive a briefing on Covert Action Case Study. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

### NRO ISSUES

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on NRO Issues. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### HUMAN CAPITAL CHALLENGES

*Joint Hearing:* Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia held joint hearings with the House Committee on Government Reform's Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization to examine the final report of the U.S. Commission on National Security in the 21st Century, focusing on national security implications of the human capital crisis, receiving testimony from Henry L. Hinton, Jr., Managing Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, General Accounting Office; Robert J. Lieberman, Deputy Inspector General, Department of Defense; and James R. Schlesinger, former Secretary of Defense and former Secretary of Energy, and Adm. Harry D. Train, USN (Ret.), former Supreme Allied Commander—Atlantic, Commander of the Sixth Fleet and former Director of the Joint Staff, both on behalf of the U.S. Commission on National Security/21st Century.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

### KOSOVO

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission):* Commission concluded hearings to examine recent developments in and around Kosovo, including human rights, minority rights, local elec-

tions, development of a local police force, and security and civil order, as well as recent escalations of violence in neighboring regions of southern Serbia and Macedonia, and the international response to this violence, after receiving testimony from Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, USAF, Supreme Allied Commander Europe (NATO), and Commander-in-Chief, United States European Command; James W. Pardew, Jr., Deputy Special Advisor for Kosovo and Dayton Implementation, Department of State; and Daan W. Everts, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Mission in Kosovo, Pristina.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2001

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, oversight hearing on National Energy Policy: Crude Oil and Refined Petroleum Products, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management, and Intergovernmental Affairs, hearing on "Oversight of the Federal Government's Consolidated Financial Statements," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.